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ALEXANDRIA RACES.

ON Tuesday the 26th day of October next, will be run for over the course near this Town, the ALEXANDRIA JOCKEY CLUB PURSE of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS, free only for the Members of the Club, the best two in three four mile heats. Aged horses carrying ten stone; six years old, nine stone four pounds; five years old, eight stone four pounds; four years old, seven stone six pounds; three years old, six stone six pounds.

On Wednesday the 27th, will be run for, the TOWN PURSE of SIXTY GUINEAS free for any horse, mare or gelding (the winning horse the preceding day excepted.) Aged horses carrying nine stone; six years old, eight stone seven pounds; five years old, seven stone ten pounds; four years old, seven stone, and three years old, a feather; the best two in three three mile heats. All horses that run for the above Purse, to be entered with Mr. JOHN LOMAX on the Monday preceding the day of starting, and to pay Two Guinea's entrance, or double at the post.

And, on Thursday the 28th, the JOCKEY CLUB Purse of FIFTY GUINEAS, by four and three years old, free only for Members of the Club. Four years old, carrying seven stone six pounds; and three years old, six stone six pounds; the best two in three two mile heats. The horses to start precisely at 12 o'clock each day. No horse will be allowed to start whose rider is not dressed in a silk jacket, jockey cap, and half boots. Judges are appointed who will determine all disputes. The Members to dine together at Mr. LOMAX's on the first day of the races.—Dinner to be on the table at 3 o'clock.

It is earnestly requested, that the Members send in their Subscriptions before the tenth of October.

August 15, 1784.

On Tuesday the Fifth Day of October next, if fair, if not the next fair Day, will be sold to the highest Bidder,

THE Subscriber's late dwelling Plantation in Charles County, about six miles below Piscataway, and on the main road leading from that place to Port-Tobacco; it contains about 580 acres, is well stocked with wood and timber, the soil is of the first quality, and a large proportion of it is valuable meadow ground. The improvements are a good dwelling-house, all the usual out-houses, and an excellent apple orchard. The water is fine and the situation uncommonly healthy. Credit for three years, if required, will be given upon paying one third annually.

S. HANSON, of Samuel.

Aug. 15, 1784.

Berkeley, August 30, 1784.

FOR SALE,

THREE Thousand Acres of choice LAND, well watered, and a considerable proportion of it may, with little expence, be made excellent meadow. The upland is rich and well adapted to wheat, corn, or tobacco. I shall be on the premises until the 10th of October next, when the terms will be made known to any person inclining to purchase.

RALPH WORMELEY.

SIX DOLLARS REWARD.

STAYED or stolen about the 20th inst. from the Commons of Alexandria, a likely sorrel HORSE, about 14 hands and an half high, was never docked, a small star in his forehead, about six years old, a natural trotter, and his main and tail of a flax colour. Whoever will return said Horse to me shall receive the above Reward and reasonable charges, paid by

ROBERT WHITACRE.

Alexandria, Aug. 5, 1784.

Just imported in the Ship Stanley, Capt. Wood, from Liverpool, and to be sold by JESSE TAYLOR, either by the Piece or Package, for Cash. Wheat, Flour, Tobacco, or Hoghead Staves, the following GOODS, viz.

LIVERPOOL China in casks, Queen's-ware and common crockery in crates, tin ware in casks, copper tea-kettles and coffee-pots, japanned sugar-boxes, tea canisters, &c. canvas by the bolt, from No. 1 to 8, coarse linens, tar-pawlings and facking, leaf-sugar in casks, Durham mustard in bottles, pins by the packet, glass ware neatly assorted in crates, pipes and boxes, candles and soap in ditto, iron pots, tea-kettles and skillets, sadirons, cart and waggon boxes, Gloucester and Cheshire cheele, mens' and womens' saddles and bridles, sulkey and chair harness, shoes and boots, fishing and log lines, bottled beer and porter by the cask or tierce, a few pieces of coarse and second cloths, mens' and boys' hats, oils and colours for painters, a small assortment of hardware, pipes by the box, mahogany and fancy chairs, mahogany tables, a few bushels of stoved salt, smiths' coals, and a few pieces of carpeting.

Alexandria, August 30, 1784.

For SALE, for Cash or on Credit, A TRACT of LAND in Berkeley County, containing 225 acres, of a good quality, with every necessary building, well watered and in good order for cropping, with an excellent mill-seat thereon, and from 25 to 30 acres of valuable meadow ground. Bullskin, a large and never-failing stream, running through the tract, and affording these latter advantages.—In case of the subscriber's absence, for terms apply to Mr. WARNER WASHINGTON, jun. of Frederick County, or Mr. WILLIAM DREW, of Berkeley, who both live within a few miles of the premises.

DOLPHIN DREW.

Berkeley, Aug. 30, 1784.

FOUR DOLLARS REWARD.

STRAYED, in the beginning of May last, from the subscriber's Plantation, near Bacon-Race, under the inspection of John Hobbey, in Prince-William County, TWO STEERS, one a dark red, with a stump tail, the other a dark brindle—the tops of both their horns sawed off, and marked in both ears with a crop, under keel and over keel. The above Reward will be paid on giving information of them, so as they may be had again, or TWO DOLLARS for either of them, to said Hobbey, or to me.

THOMAS LAWSON.

Neabice, Aug. 1, 1784.

THIRTY DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the Subscriber on the 19th inst. a likely black rawboned country-born Negro Fellow, named WILL, who is very artful and roguish, is about forty years of age, of the middle size, hands wide between the knees, and when standing bends his knees, long slim feet, large ancles and long heels; he is a very handy fellow about plantation business, drives carriages well, a good ploughman, can stock ploughs, understands facking and mowing, and can do the common carpenter's jobs necessary on a plantation: He took with him a light coloured coat made of country fulled cloth, with metal buttons, black cloth breeches, a pair of old shoes and stockings, a brown shirt and hat. Said fellow has been twice to Philadelphia, where I am apprehensive he will go again if not apprehended. Four Dollars will be given if he is taken up twenty-five miles from home or under, and reasonable travelling charges if brought home, and so in proportion for every twenty-five miles to the amount of the above Reward.

LEWIS ELLZEY.

Fairfax County, Aug. 24, 1784.

N. B. All persons are strictly forbid harbouring the said Fellow, and all masters of vessels are forewarned not to carry off said Fellow at their peril.

Alexandria, Sept. 2, 1784.

THE Subscriber will rent or sell the Dwelling-House and Store where he now lives, for one or more years. Also, his new Brick House adjoining the same, with eight rooms, Store, Kitchen and a Cellar under the whole building, with a convenient stable for four horses, which may easily be converted into a warehouse if necessary. Possession will be given about the 21st of October next, or perhaps sooner. For terms apply to

ROBERT LYLE.

WILLIAM HARVEY, Has just received an Assortment of GOODS, which he is now opening at his Store in Frederickburg, and which he will sell very low for Cash, Tobacco, Wheat, or Hemp, by Wholesale or Retail, among them are the following Articles: IRISH linens, ditto sheetings, checks, German and Scotch osnaburgs, printed linens, chintzes, calicoes, a variety of handkerchiefs, silk and durant quilts, superfine and coarse broadcloths, corduroys, fustians, black velvets, denims, nankeens, white and coloured jeans and jeanets, calamanco shoes, mens' and youths' shoes and slippers, boots, saddles and bridles, carpets, carpeting, bed bunts and tickings, black satin, modes, silks, gauzes, cambricks, lawns, catguts, silk, cotton and thread stockings, mens' and womens' gloves, hats of all kinds, cotton and wool cards, hyson and bohea teas, loaf sugar, bibles, testaments, spelling-books, primers, blank books, writing and shop paper, flates, glue, joiners' and carpenters' tools, shoe-makers' ditto, files assorted, locks, 10 by 8 window glass, 4d. 6d. 8d. 10d. and 20d. nails, shovels and tongs, chamber bellows, frying-pans, castings well assorted, powder, shot, London pewter, cutlery, currycombs, brushes assorted, Leiper's and Hart's snuff, copper tea-kettles, a general assortment of tin, glass and queen's ware. Also, London quality Madeira wine, four years old, by the pipe, hoghead or quarter cask, &c.

Fredericksburg, Aug. 24, 1784.

WILLIAM WILSON,

Has for Sale, by the Piece or Package, on very reasonable Terms, the following Articles, viz. BRITISH Osnaburgs; Irish Linens; Dowlas; Blankets; Wilton Carpets; common Ditto; Mens' coarse and fine Shoes; coarse Duffels, &c.

Alexandria, Aug. 25, 1784.

TEN DOLLARS REWARD.

RAN away from the subscriber, living in Fairfax county, near the Falls Church, on Wednesday morning the 25th of August, a likely Negro Man, named CALEB, about 6 feet high, and about 42 years of age, very black, middling large beard, smiling countenance, large full eyes, and in conversation will betray himself, and has a down look; had on a coarse shirt and trousers, a brown yarn linsley jacket, a white corded short jacket and breeches, a black hat with a laced band, a white short coat, a pair of white cotton stockings, and a pair of shoes with a pair of large buckles; also a large calfskin knapsack. Whoever takes up the said runaway Negro in this county, shall receive a reward of Two Dollars, if out of this county, Four Dollars, and if out of the State, Ten Dollars, paid by

JOSEPH COCKERILL.

Sept. 6, 1784.



THE Ship KITTY, Captain

JAMES HENRICK, now lying at George-Town, and will sail for London about the 10th of September, takes in tobacco on liberty, at Seven Pounds Sterling per ton. She is a strong good ship, and well accommodated for a few passengers. For terms apply to the Captain on board, or to me in George-Town.

ROBERT PETER,

Aug. 18, 1784.

ROUEN, June 12.

A FEW days since it was advertised here, that Mr. Blanchard, who had made the experiment with his *bateau volant* (flying boat) at Paris, proposed to repeat it the Sunday following in this city; the experiments of filling the balloon, and launching the *bateau*, were to be made in the court of the new barracks. Yesterday being the day appointed, the noblesse, and the principal inhabitants of the city and its neighbourhood, were early in the day assembled in the court, and made a most brilliant appearance; the towers, spires, house-tops and hills were all covered, all waiting attentively for the *coup de canon*, which was to be the signal for the departure of the *bateau volant*. I was in the court very near the spot, and distinctly saw the operation of filling the balloon and attaching the boat; it was performed by at least ten or twelve casks, all communicated to one large one by tin tubes; from the large one was a flexible tube of oiled or painted silk, which was connected to the bottom of the balloon, by which means the gas was forced up by the hand into it. The balloon was in diameter about 30 English feet, and about 36 in height, made of silk; the upper hemisphere was green, the lower white; the upper one was covered with a strong silk net, at the bottom of which was a zone of cord, which served to strengthen the balloon, and to which were attached the small cords for the supporters of the *bateau* beneath.

The *bateau* in some measure resembled a bird, having a fine pair of green filken wings, which Mr. Blanchard worked much in the same manner that a waterman works a pair of sculls; the rudder was at the head of the *bateau*, and went foremost, and something resembling the head of a bird; and he, when fixed in his boat, worked the rudder with his feet, and rowed, or rather sled, with his face foremost, feathering his wings like oars with amazing dexterity; after having filled the balloon, attached the *bateau*, and adjusted properly the ballast, it being near seven o'clock in the evening, he embraced and took leave of several friends, who invoked Heaven for a happy voyage to the adventurous traveller, who with a determined courage commanded the cannon to be fired and the cords unloosed; with what pleasing astonishment every one beheld him in his god-like equipage, mounting on the wings of the wind, with all the majestic sublimity attributed to the celestial powers! he ascended nearly in a perpendicular line, till he was full three times as high as the grand spire of Notre Dame, which is equal to St. Paul's at least, and crossed over the Seine, and the ships lying there, by the vanes of which, and on the towers and spires, we saw distinctly that he made a course very near to windward, not farther than six points, and continued to fly in a direct line over the middle of the city, gradually increasing in height, and out-topped the high hills on the north side of it by nearly two miles: I had an acromatic telescope of two feet, with which I could distinctly see him use the wings like an eagle all the way, till he to all appearance nearly touched the horizon, and to the naked eye did not appear larger than a cricket-ball. After about 35 minutes, lost sight of him, I should suppose at nearly the distance of eight miles. When over the city, he let loose two pigeons, who seemed so embarrassed, that I thought they would have fallen to the ground; but they recovered themselves, and pursued their different routes, with billets attached to their legs by long strings.

We have just now heard how far he continued his aerial voyage; he made five leagues in an hour and a quarter, and in a field of wheat he descended near the ground, and seeing a shepherd, he threw out his cord, and entreated him to lay hold of it, but the poor fellow was almost terrified to death, and durst not approach, but he told him he was only a man like himself, and he need not be afraid; the shepherd at last was prevailed on to assist him to alight, and he has brought his balloon and *bateau* to town to-day in a waggon, without their having received any damage. The place where he descended is called Ratterville, and he was entertained with a supper by the curate of the parish.

NASSAU, August 7.

Last Monday was launched here, the *Nassau*, a brigantine of near 300 tons burthen, the property of Robert Hunt, Esquire. She is built entirely of cedar and mahogany, the produce of these islands, and is allowed by the connoisseurs to be an elegant and complete piece of naval architecture.

Ship building bids fair to be soon carried on here to a considerable extent. The abundance as well as superior quality of the timber of these islands, for vessels not exceeding 200 tons, the privilege vessels built here have of being British bottoms, the arrival of a number of experienced ship-carpenters from Florida and Jamaica, amongst whom are the workmen of Messrs. Begbie and Manson, formerly of Hobcaw in South Carolina, give every reason to indulge for pleasing an expectation.

NEW-YORK, August 19.

It was currently reported yesterday, that a French fleet of six sail of the line, and a frigate, had failed from Hispaniola for this port, to pass away the hurricane months.

Extract of a letter from Vienna.

"Our Emperor goes on rapidly with his new plan of reformation, and suppressing several religious houses; and so zealous is he in this pious work, as if he meant to pluck by the very roots the seeds of christianity from his dominions. This has given great disgust to his subjects in general, and among the humorous sort obtained him the name of *Joseph Luther*; but among those of a gloomy and religious turn, it is much feared a Ravillac may rise up, and check the progress of this youthful reformer."

Extract of a letter from London, dated July 6.

"We have at last got clear of the riot and outrage attendant upon general elections, and have time to inspect into the affairs of the nation, which are, I very much fear, in an irremediable condition. Our taxes are already so numerous and oppressive, that I can honestly declare scarce a day passes without some application for rates or taxes; the hardness of the times has increased the number of the poor so much, that I pay five shillings in the pound poor rates. I was in hopes now that peace is established we should have a respite from oppression, instead of which the Minister has brought in a bill to raise the sum of six millions; the interest of which, and other contingent expences arising from the navy debt, will be paid by a tax on coals, which are to be rated 3s. per chaldron. This tax will certainly fall heavy upon the poor, whose miseries will be aggravated by this impost—a copper per pound on candles, when they are 20 coppers per pound already—two shillings a piece upon hats—two coppers per yard upon ribbands—ten shillings a year on saddle and carriage horses—two shillings and six-pence a thousand upon bricks—one guinea on game qualifications—three-pence per yard upon printed linens—ten pounds a year for leave to brew—an addition to the duty on paper—five shillings weekly for licence to keep a hackney-coach. I do not blame our young Minister for raising money; the exigency of affairs completely excuse him: I only wish that he had laid the taxes upon such articles as are consumed by the opulent and luxurious. I was in the house at the time the Minister opened what is called the budget, and was very well pleased with the generous regard he appeared to feel for the natural rights of mankind. He spoke three hours, and I never heard an harangue that involved such an infinite variety of important, but dry, complicated, and difficult topics to detail with perspicuity, that had more merit, or was more easy to be comprehended than understood. His speech was an uncommon display of ability, manly spirit, and that degree of ministerial boldness, which the unfortunate situation of the country calls for."

TRENTON, August 23.

Captain Dirk Lane, Lieutenants John Mercer and William Penington, and Ensigns William Kersey and Mahlon Ford, are appointed by the Legislature to command the troops to be raised in this State, agreeably to the requisition of Congress, for the defence of the frontier posts which are yet in possession of the British, but which are to be surrendered as soon as the American forces are ready to take possession.

PHILADELPHIA, August 31.

Extract of a letter from Baltimore, dated August 24, 1784.

"The only news here now is, that one Whaland, formerly a noted Refugee, is now a Pirate in this bay; he has committed a great many depredations on the coasting traders lately; some crews he has murdered without distinction, as has appeared by their dead bodies being washed on shore, and others have been put on shore, after being plundered and stripped stark naked, not even a shirt left them. How long this fellow may reign is uncertain, as there is no armed vessel here to go in quest of him."

We are informed that the vessel which Whaland employs for the above infamous purpose, is a top-sail schooner with black sides and bottom, full of men, and draws but three and a half feet water. He has also several boats well armed, so that it is dangerous for any vessels to go within sight of him.

BALTIMORE, September 3.

The Marquis de la Fayette returned to this town on Wednesday last, from the seat of George Washington, Esq; where he had been on a visit—and the same day this Nobleman partook of an elegant dinner, given him by the citizens of Baltimore, at Mr. Grant's. During the entertainment, it was very conspicuous, that the recollection of past times, and the presence of this patriot, served to excite in every breast the most agreeable emotions.

ALEXANDRIA, Sept. 9.

We hear, that last Week as two Sailors were going from Dumfries in a Long-Boat, to a Vessel lying near the Mouth of Quantico, they were struck with Lightning, one of whom was instantly killed, and the other recovered as the Long-Boat was sinking (having the Plank in her Bottom started) and saved himself in a Canoe, which they had towing after the Long-Boat.

Last Friday Evening died at George-Town, after three Days illness, the truly amiable and worthy THOMAS RICHARDSON, Esq; Merchant: He was a Gentleman universally esteemed, and his Death is much lamented.

NAVAL-OFFICE, ALEXANDRIA.

Inward Entries. Sloop Nancy, D. Wheler, from New-Providence; Schooner Willing Maid, T. Dixon, Maryland.

Cleared Outward. Sloop Sally, J. Ingerlot, for Gloucester; Schooner Hope, J. Christie, Martinique.

We hope our Customers will excuse our publishing only an Half Sheet this Week, on Account of Indisposition.

PUBLIC VENDUE.

On Saturday the 11th Inst. will be sold, at the Vendue-Office, opposite the Court-House,

A Variety of wet and dry goods, among which will be a number of hogheads of molasses, crates of queen's-ware neatly assorted, a box of cutlery neatly assorted, a half worn phaeton, &c. &c.

In the Afternoon, on Messrs. Watson and Harper's wharf, a Sloop, newly repaired and well found; an inventory of her materials will be produced.—Also, at the same time and place, a quantity of English rum, muscovado and clay'd sugar.

On Monday the 20th inst. on Messrs. Watson and Harper's wharf, will be sold, about 20 hogheads of English rum, and about 20 tierces and barrels of muscovado sugar of an extraordinary quality.

C. COPPER, V. M.

Alexandria, Sept. 8, 1784.

TO BE RENTED.

THE Tract of LAND formerly the property of Messrs. Dow and M'iver, and since rented by them, containing between 3 and 400 acres. The soil of this land is equal to any adjoining it. There are on the above tract 40 acres laid down in fine Timothy grass. There are likewise a dwelling-house, with four rooms and two brick chimnies, stables, barn, &c. &c.

The advantages attending a tract of land lying so near the town of Alexandria, are so great, that it would be superfluous to mention them. The terms may be known by applying to

LUND WASHINGTON.

Mount-Vernon, Sept. 8, 1784.

FREDERICKSBURG JOCKEY-CLUB RACES.

ON Monday the 4th day of October next, will be run for, over the course at Fredericksburg, a Purse of ONE HUNDRED GUINEAS.—On Tuesday the 2d day, a Purse of FIFTY POUNDS.—On Wednesday the 3d day, a Purse of FIFTY POUNDS; agreeable to the rules of the Fredericksburg Jockey-Club. Heats four miles, carrying weights as follow: Aged, 10 stone, 140lb.—6 years, 9 stone 4lb. is 130lb.—5 years, 8 stone 4lb. is 116lb.—4 years, 7 stone 4lb. is 102lb.—3 years, 6 stone 4lb. is 88lb.

And on Thursday the 4th day, a Purse of FORTY POUNDS, to be run for by three years old only, two mile heats, to carry 6 stone 4lb. is 88lb.—The horses to be entered with Mr. John Benson, on the day preceding the race, and proper certificates of their age then produced. The horses to start precisely on each day at eleven o'clock; and no nag will be allowed to start unless the rider is dressed in a silk jacket, jockey-cap and half-boots. A dinner will be provided for the members, on the first day of the races, at the expence of the club.

September 8, 1784.

JOHN RUMNEY and CO.

Have for Sale, at their Store, adjoining Mr. S. M. Brown's Store, Fairfax-Street, Alexandria,

A Neat Assortment of European Goods, suitable to the season, which they will sell low for Cash or Country Produce.

Alexandria, Sept. 8, 1784.

WHEREAS my wife ANN ALDRIDGE, hath eloped from my bed and board, without any provocation, and otherwise behaved in an indecent unbecoming manner—all persons are forbid harbouring or trusting her on my account, as I will not pay any of her contracts from the date hereof.

RICHARD ALDRIDGE.

Alexandria, Sept. 1, 1784.

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